MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know whether the Government have any power at present to make such a demand.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there any prohibition implied or expressed to call on agents or managers of such estates to provide such hospitals?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think that when there is no legal enactment empowering the Government in that matter they have no right to enforce it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Since the Government are also a party to secure the fulfilment of contracts, as courts take cognisance of such cases, do not the Government think that by virtue of that position on the part of the Government that the coolies should be vouchsafed all facilities with regard to their conditions in the estate?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are not a party. The magistracy enquire into the cases for which there is a statute.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do not the Government think there is a necessity to control the estates particularly with reference to the conditions of the health of the coolies in such estates?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to answer that question at present.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter so as to see whether the conditions of health of the labourers in the estate are of such a serious nature as would demand the attention of the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Co-operative Department and Tamilians.

256. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received any applications from the Tamilians for the post of Inspectors in the Co-operative Department; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will give them preferential treatment according to the circular recently issued?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Six applications have been received from Tamilians for the posts of Inspectors of Co-operative Societies. These applications were received between May and November 1926.

(*b*) The applicants will receive the same treatment as others. It is not clear which circular the member refers to.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there not a circular recently issued by the Government to the effect that in places predominently populated by Christians or Tamilians, Co-operative Inspectors belonging to those communities should be appointed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It may not be in the way in which the member puts it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the nature of the form in which the circular is issued?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member may refer to the answer to question No. 168, given at the meeting of the Council held on the 19th April 1926. The circular is printed as an appendix to the answer?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): At least according to that circular, are not the Tamilians entitled to a perferential treatment?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to see which circular the member refers to.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there not a circular to the effect that the communities of Christians and Tamilians should be posted to places where they are respectively prominent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is referred to in that answer.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is not that a circular?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is not a circular. It is an order of Government to the head of the department.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Even according to that order, are not the Tamilians expected to get preferential treatment in the matter of appointments?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The scope of the order will be found in the answer. That is practically reproduced there. Evidently, the member has not seen it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know for my information whether Tamilians as a class are not entitled according to that order to preferential treatment?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No; that order does not refer to appointments, but only refers to the posting of Inspectors who are already appointed in the department. It does not relate to future appointments at all. Even with regard to postings, it is only advisory and not mandatory.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is it not required to be obeyed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It can be understood by reading it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): What was the intention of the Government when they issued it? Is it not required to be obeyed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Registrar of Co-operative Societies should have that in mind when he proposes postings.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will it influence in any way the matter of postings?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It may in some way.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do not the Government think that it should be obeyed as far as possible?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is asking a question without knowing what the order is.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I understood from the member that this order refers to the postings of Inspectors already appointed.

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Do not the Government think that the Registrar should obey the order as far as possible ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already said that he should have that order in mind in proposing postings.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): At any rate, should not the Government see that such advice as is conveyed by the order is listened to by the Registrar ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He will certainly have it in mind.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government satisfied that the order has had some effect ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I may mention for the information of the member that the Registrar has not power to post or to appoint men. All these come up to the Government. So that, in making the recommendations, the Registrar will bear the order in mind. It is the Government that sanction such postings.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Has he made any such recommendation ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to bear this order in mind whenever postings or transfers are effected ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They are themselves the authors of the order and they will do so.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will they bear it in mind whenever occasions arise ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Appointments made in certain Departments during 1101.

257. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of fresh appointments (i) on Rs. 15 to 100, and (ii) Rs. 100 and above, made in the Medical, Land Revenue, Excise and Judicial Departments as well as in the Huzur during the last one year showing separately the number of Roman Catholics, non-Catholic Christians, Nayars and Ezhavas so appointed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information as to the appointments made in the Medical, Land Revenue and Excise Departments and in the Huzur Office is laid on the table.

Information regarding the appointments made in the Judicial Department has been called for.

Dispensary at Ranni.

258. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the people have prayed to the Government for dispensary at Ranni ;

* *Vide* Appendix IV—Page 711.

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